Accreditation to DOPE Testing Laboratory By IOC

483. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be peased to state :

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has developed a state of the art dope testing laboratory in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it has been, granted permanent accreditation by the International Olympic Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) At present, there is only one Dope Control Laboratory funded by the Government of India in our country. This laboratory plays a very significant role in conducting a comprehensive drug-testing programme with the aim of forbidding elite level athletes from taking prohibited substances. The laboratory is primarily engaged in carrying out of competition dope testing work for various disciplines. Random testing of our sportspersons selected for participation in any international competition/tournament, is also done outside of competition at the request of the concerned National Sports Federations.

The Dope Control Centre of SAI has got the ISO 9001-2000 and ISO 17025 certification which are mandatory requirements as per IOC. norms for seeking permanent accreditation for the Dope Control Centre. After achieving ISO:17025 Certification, SAI Dope Control Centre has achieved another milestone by getting temporary accreditation from International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency for testing of athletes' samples during the 1st Afro-Asian Games.

(c) No, Sir. After getting the mandatory ISO:17025 accreditation, Dope Control Centre will now apply for permanent accreditation.